GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:339
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2001
FOREIGN NATIONALS OVER STAYING IN THE COUNTRY
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY;RAMDAS RUPALA GAVIT;SHEELA GAUTAM;SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI;VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign nationals staying in various States even after the expiry of validity period of their visa, as on date, State-wise and country-wise ; and

(b) the action taken/being taken by the Government to identify and send them back to their respective countries ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) and (b): Powers of the Central Government under the Foreigners Act, 1946 to identify, detect and deport foreign nationals residing in India after the expiry of validity of their visa have been delegated to the State Governments/Union TerritoryAdministration and no data in this regard is centrally maintained. Instructions have been issued/reiterated to the State Governments/U.T. Administration from time to time to intensify efforts to identify and deport such foreigners residing in India illegally.